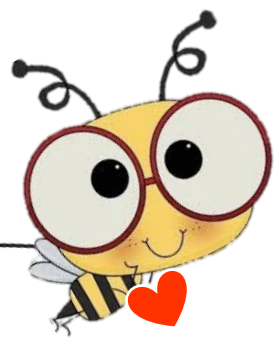


WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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Sept. 29 - Oct. 3, 2025

Next week!

The virtue this week is **loyalty**: faithfulness to commitments or obligations.

Sunday, Sept. 28 –

- Education Foundation Coffee & Donuts after Masses
- Schwallier's Shindig, 3:30-5:30pm

Tuesday, Sept. 30 –

- Uniform holiday
- Parent Rosary, 2:45pm, front of church
- Parent Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:05pm, front of church

Wednesday, Oct. 1 – Mass, 8:15am

Friday, Oct. 3 – No school; teacher professional development

Saturday, Oct. 4 – STA Float in the Pulaski Day Parade, 11am. The parade runs on Michigan, beginning at College and ending at Diamond. Come out and support your fellow Hornets!



join us! you belong here!

After-school clubs!

We are offering after-school clubs through Afterschool Enrichment Solutions. The classes run 3:25-4:25pm. If you are interested in signing up your child for Chess, Stage Stars or MusicStart, go to www.learningmeansfun.com/signup and complete the online registration. If you have any questions, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at (847) 482-9999 or email registration@learningmeansfun.com. The deadline to register is Oct. 1.

Click on the class name below for more details about each class:

Chess Scholars (Grades K-8)
Meets Wednesdays.
Course code: TGR10.1.25

Stage Stars (Grades K-6)
Meets Mondays
Course code: TGR10.13.25

MusicStart (Grades K-4)
Meets Wednesdays
Course code: TGR10.14.25

Looking ahead!

Oct. 6 – [Parent-to-Parent series](#), K-2 parents, 8:30am, Ministry Center
Oct. 7 – School Board meeting, 6pm
Oct. 9/10 – Hearing and Vision Screening
Oct. 10 – Storytime, 10am, Preschool Center
Oct. 13 – [Parent-to-Parent series](#), 3-5 parents, 8:30am, Ministry Center
Oct. 17 – Grandfriends' Day ([RSVP for Grandfriends!](#)) / 11am dismissal
Oct. 17 – Book Fair in Library, 8am-12noon
Oct. 20 – Late start for teacher MAP test review, start time 9am
Oct. 20 – [Parent-to-Parent series](#), 6-8 parents, 9:30am, Ministry Center
Oct. 24 – End of first quarter
Oct. 28 – Uniform holiday
Nov. 5 – Middle school awards ceremony

School lunch!

Here are our [September 2025](#) and [October 2025](#) lunch menus.

Mass participants for Oct. 1

Mass helpers:

- 1st reading: James P
- Petitions: Lina S, Kathleen C, Addison K, Marie K, Ben P, Harrison B
- Altar servers: Olivia B, Hannah B, Alexis B
- Sacristan: Eli M, Asher K
- Gifts: Chase D, Chris K
- Ushers: Molly H, Paige K
- Guest musician: Mr. Juan Carlos Soberanes

If your child is listed above and you know they will not be attending Mass, please email Mr. Baxter.

Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion questions of the week:

- What did Father Jim use as an example for the 10 Commandments at Mass this week?
- How does our family support each other?

Parent parties!

We are looking for party hosts for the following grades: Young 5s, 3rd, and 7th. Thank you for considering! If interested, please contact Genevieve Boyle (genevieveboyle@stthomasgr.org).

FYI...consider using our new preschool building (at no cost) to host a parent party!

Here are the list of hosts we've got:

P3 – TBD @ the Kohlers
P4/Y5 – 10/11 @ the Bozios
K – 10/29 @ the Chuns
1st grade – 9/25 @ the Keegans
2nd grade – 10/17 @ the Giovannettis
4th/5th grade – 9/26 @ the Jacobsons
6th grade – 11/8 @ the Pfennigs
8th grade – 10/11 @ the Parinis

Look for an email with details (time/location). Contact Genevieve with any questions.

Winter I GRACEAC sports sign up

Registration for Winter 1 sports is open! Visit the [GRACEAC website](#) to sign your child up for boys basketball or competitive cheer. The deadline is Sept. 30. After that, you will be charged a late fee. To participate, your student will need a physical and permission slip on file in the school office.

Deadline: Sept. 30

Lunch helper needed!

We are looking for a kitchen helper to join our team at Saint Thomas (hired through West Catholic). This is a part-time position, about 9 hours per week. Specific days and times are somewhat flexible. Job duties include: food prep and serving, clean up after meals, and shelving stock. If you are interested, please contact Lunch Supervisor Shannon Godleski at shannongodleski@grwestcatholic.org.

Women's basketball group

We've got a new parent group – Thursday night women's basketball! We will be meeting in the Saint Thomas gym on Thursdays at 8:30pm to play basketball, starting Oct. 2. All Saint Thomas moms are welcome! Contact Val Wieten (616-822-9051) or Jeremiah Sluggett (jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org) with questions.

Meet our Board Members! Shannon Dickinson

We want to highlight some of our Saint Thomas Board of Education members. Our first member to introduce is Shannon Dickinson. She is a member at large on the Board. Read a bit about Shannon in [this week's Board Bio](#).



ArtPrize news!

ArtPrize 2025 has opened, and we've got a STA connection in ArtPrize! Katie Lewis, who works in the front office, has an entry in ArtPrize. It's located at West Grand Neighborhood Organization. Her entry is #41530. [Check out and vote for Katie's art!](#)



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

invites you to



GRANDFRIENDS' DAY OCTOBER 17, 2025

8:00 AM Arrival

8:15 AM All School Mass

9:45 AM Classroom visits

Coffee & light refreshments available

11:00 AM Dismissal

Book fair open 8-NOON



REGISTER HERE

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If you are interested in helping with our Grandfriends' Day reception, please use this [Grandfriends' Day Sign Up Genius](#) to bring delicious homemade baked goods for our grandfriends!

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
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TRUNK OR TREAT



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
3:00-4:00 PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT

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Cars must be parked by 2:55 pm.
No Exceptions please!

Open Gym for Middle Schoolers
Awards for Best Costume & Best Trunk!